

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the application by adding the following paragraph before the paragraph starting at Page 1, line 3:

**RELATED APPLICATION**

This application claims priority to PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US00/06082, filed March 9, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/124,063, filed March 12, 1999.

Please amend the Abstract of the application at Page 35, Line 1 as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

In one aspect, ~~method a method~~ of using a general purpose computer 8 as an MPLS-enabled label switched router ~~includes is disclosed~~. ~~The general purpose computer 8 executes executing~~ software ~~on the general purpose computer 8~~ that allows it to communicate with other label switched routers using label distribution protocol. ~~The general purpose 8 computer~~ ~~purpose computer 8~~ includes a central processor 10, a memory 12, network interface cards 30 and 32 and also typically includes local I/O such as a keyboard 22, a mouse 24 and a display device 20 for communicating with a local user.